

# AGENDA

## POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

UTAH LEGISLATURE

Approximate  
Time Frame

Wednesday, September 17, 2008 • 2:00 p.m. • Room W020 House Building

### 2:00 1. Committee Business

- Call to order - Representative Fred Hunsaker, House Chair
- Approval of the minutes of the May 21, June 18, and August 20, 2008 meetings

### 2. Riparian Overlay Zones

*Master Study Resolution item #163 - to study whether cities should be allowed to put riparian overlay zones on streams and creeks which are used as storm sewers, and where untreated run-off water is channeled. (H.B. 454)*

- Study sponsor: Rep. Mike Morley
- Susan Webster and Tom Hulbert, both are homeowners in a riparian overlay zone in Salt Lake City
- Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

### 3. Assessment Areas

*H.B. 453, "Assessment Area Amendments," was introduced in the 2008 General Session but did not pass. Draft legislation similar to H.B. 453 will be considered. This issue was also discussed in the May committee meeting.*

- Explanation of Legislation - Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel
- Blaine Carlton, Bond Counsel with Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll
- Response to legislation:
  - Utah League of Cities and Towns
  - Utah Association of Counties
- Public comment
- Committee discussion

### 4. Townships

*A township is an area within the unincorporated part of a county that has been established in accordance with Utah law (see Section 17-27a-306). A township is given authority to have a planning commission that makes land use recommendations to the county legislative body. Also, Section 10-2-427 provides a township with some protection against annexation into an adjacent municipality unless the entire township is annexed.*

*H.B. 40, "Sunset of Township Provision," passed in 2005 General Session, extended the sunset date of Section 10-2-427 from July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2010. Also, H.B. 40 stated "It is the intent of the Legislature that extending to 2010 the sunset date for Section 10-2-427 will give each county of the first class [Salt Lake County] and municipalities within each county of the first class that are adjacent to township areas adequate time to assess and evaluate the desires of residents and property owners within townships with regard to annexation, incorporation, or remaining in the unincorporated area of the county, and to develop a plan to respond to and implement those desires." H.B. 40 required Salt Lake County and municipalities adjacent to a township to: 1) by July 1, 2008, survey residents and property owners within the township regarding their desires for incorporation, annexation, or remaining unincorporated; and 2) "work together to develop and, to the extent feasible, implement a plan to carry into effect the results of the survey." A status report from the county and affected municipalities will be provided.*

- Report from Salt Lake County and affected municipalities
- Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Committee questions and discussion

### 5:00 5. Other Items/Adjourn